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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 5 and 7.

By the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 4, indicated as being allowable. Also, each of claims 5 and 7 has been redrafted into independent form to incorporate the subject matter of their parent claim 1. As such, by the present Amendment, all of the independent claims remaining in this case include the subject matter of either claim 4, 5 or 7, all indicated as being allowable in the Office Action. Therefore, entry of this Amendment, and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of

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this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 500.39521X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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